

FRIDAY, FEB. 13, 1874.

CITY AND SUBURBS.

Masonic Notice.

Los Angeles Lodge No. 42, F. & A. M. The stated meetings of this lodge are held on the first Monday of each month, at 7 1/2 p. m. Members of Pataluma, No. 262, and all Master Masons in good standing are cordially invited. S. C. F. O. W. M. CHAS. SMITH, Secretary.

School and Miscellaneous Books, Law Books and Blank Forms—Stationery, Blank Books, Albums, and Ladies' Writing Cases, Pianos, Organs, Violins and Accordions, and other Musical Instruments for sale at lowest prices. See BROADBENT & CO., Booksellers and Stationers.

At Harris & Jacoby's Cash Store, 500 N. Main St. (next to the Post Office), open bank White Shirts at \$1.75.

At Harris & Jacoby's Cash Store, 1/2 dozen pure linen handkerchiefs for \$1.

All kinds of Garden and Grass Seed for sale at S. Hollman's, next to Post Office.

Important from New York. Not much doing in the courts.

The sun shone out for a brief moment yesterday.

St. Patrick's Ball comes off to-morrow night.

The Constantine sailed for San Francisco yesterday.

The Turn-Verdin Masquerade has been postponed to the 25th.

The Senator takes the place of the Mohongo next Saturday.

The little poem on "Doctor Draper" in another column, is especially dedicated to the *Express*.

A meeting of the Stockholders of the Grange Co-operative Company will be held in this city on the 27th.

J. Q. A. Shirley and wife, of Petaluma, are in this city, and are guests of the *Express*.

Dr. Wells, of Petaluma, is now here on his way to Riverside, with a view of locating in that thrifty neighborhood.

Important from New York. The steamer *Orizaba* sails for San Francisco to-day. Passengers for this city take the 3 p. m. train.

Plenty of water running to waste down the Los Angeles river that ought to be treasured up for next summer.

Two and thirty-five hundredths inches of rain fell during the shower yesterday and day before, according to Ducommun's rain-gauge.

Mrs. H. Cohn will open a Millinery Store in the room on the corner of Spring and Temple streets, lately occupied by Mrs. Small.

Wm. McGlothlin's funeral was largely attended, yesterday, notwithstanding the rain. The Golden Rule Lodge of Odd Fellows conducted the ceremony.

Judge J. W. North, President of the Riverside Colony Association, leaves to-day on the *Orizaba* for a two months visit to the Eastern States.

Important from New York. Teams left yesterday—Two to Cerro Gordo, consigned to C. G. F. & Co.; two to Riverside, consigned to D. H. B. and W. M. K.

Dr. Hammel lost his youngest son yesterday. The funeral takes place at 2 o'clock p. m., to-day, from his residence on San Pedro street.

The windows of our shops are filled with horrible looking valentines, but you can find some very handsome ones by just asking for them.

About thirty sacks of corn, attached for debt at the depot, were sold by auctioneer Matthews yesterday morning. Hellman, Haas & Co. bid it off at 75 cents per hundred.

Mr. Noyes sold at auction yesterday some horses, mules and other property belonging to Banks, the man now in the city jail awaiting trial on the charge of manslaughter.

Thos. A. Garey is experimenting extensively with different varieties of the orange, and probably has more different kinds on his place than can be found on any other farm in the State.

The *Express* is abusing the plaza, and the *Star* is defaming that highly ornamental pile of granite blocks on Main street. Such incendiary detraction of our city ought not to be tolerated.

We paid a visit to the new arrival's store on yesterday, and although the weather was unfavorable, this store was crammed full, the door had to be closed to prevent the rush. Judging from what transpired during our stay he offers extraordinary bargains.

The Mutual Aid.

A full meeting of the Board of Directors of the Mutual Aid Association, adjourned on Wednesday, was held at the Secretary's office, No. 41 Temple Block, yesterday. Dr. G. W. Wolf, of Los Nietos, was elected a member of the Board to fill a vacancy occasioned by the failure of C. L. Bequette to qualify as a member of the Association. The receipts during the past month have been heavier than during any previous month since the organization of the Association. Their traveling agents are now in the field. C. B. Bigsby is at work in this city; J. A. Walker has gone to Tulare county, and F. P. Powers starts to-day for Ventura county. The careful management and the financial success of the Association are attracting to its membership men and women from all classes of society and from all parts of the State.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

Clarendon Hotel—C. J. Osgood, Chicago; R. M. Burdick, Hartford; Dr. W. R. Wells, Petaluma; Dr. D. W. Ward, San Francisco; Jas. Harkinson, Henry Earle and wife, Philadelphia; W. H. Wright, London; P. Pryor, San Juan.

Pico House—Gordon Conorth, Chicago; J. D. Ryan, L. L. Moore, S. H. Fox, M. F. Saxon, San Francisco; J. Kook and wife, Brooklyn; C. L. Aiken, Anaheim; Geo. A. Cowles and wife, New York; L. H. Bacon and wife, Hartford.

All the Presidents of the United States but four had each but one Christian name. They four were, John Quincy Adams, William Henry Harrison, James Knox Polk, and Ulysses S. Grant.

"Municipal insanity" is what they call it in Chicago. In New York and Brooklyn it is termed "municipal rascality." To doctors of law it is known as a complication of "ring-around."

"DOCTOR DRAPER."

There came a man to spy our land, His name was Doctor Draper; A score of villages he plied his art, And built them all on paper.

A wondrous tale he did unfold— A history romantic— He came from Jersey's kingdom hold, Beside the blue Atlantic.

He was a most delightful cuss, With fingers white and taper; How could he go and leave them thus— Of cruel Doctor Draper.

He longed to view our matchless Queen, Whose glories heathen, In dreams he saw—and at Corinne, Upon the U. Pacific.

He found a stranger deathly ill, With toothed fever or heuridan; He tendered him his little pill, And saved the luckless Frenchman.

And when his time had come to go, This gentleman from Paris, His ducks left to him—and he! He was an heir—or heir-ass.

With such adventures thus beguiled His restless son's disquiet, He could not see our town, and smiled; Was pleased, and thought he'd buy it.

The sweet perfume of orange howers, And fragrant mild Havana; And sparkling wine, and balmey hours, Fell on his heart like music.

And then he burst, as buds of old, Burst forth in song and story, And sang unto his harp of gold A song of praise and glory.

"I long to be an Angel, And with the Angels stand, Upon the pleasant street of Main, And own a block of land."

He was so pleased he couldn't wait— He fumbled in his pocket; The wise men smiled, and real estate Went upward like a rocket.

His words were sweet, his ways were French, His caresses all were Spanish; Their glories he saw our town, and blushed, Alas! why did they vanish.

He vanished like the birds in flight, And left no sign or trace; "Come back, come back!" we vainly call, "Our Doctor, O! our Doctor."

And now we weave our willow wand, And choose about and caper, Like Dido on the wild sea-sand, And call for Doctor Draper.

At dewy eve, and rosy dawn, We stand beside the water, And bring our hands and "carry on," Like Ulla for his daughter.

And now we mourn o'er blasted hopes, And little bits of paper; And dry our tears with kitchen m-ps— Adieu! dear Doctor Draper.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 13th, 1874. A. F. K.

THE COURTS.

County Court—O'MELVENY, J. THURSDAY, Feb. 12. Henry Bousse vs Jean Irrolay—Continued for the term, by consent.

Louis Fourn vs Grady J. Sheldon—Motion to dismiss appeal argued and overruled.

Real Estate Transactions.

Deeds filed for record for the 24 hours ending at 4 o'clock, Feb. 12, 1874, as reported for the DAILY HERALD by Judson & Gillette, Searchers of Records for Los Angeles County:

A Gassell to C. H. Bradley—Lot at corner of Fourth and Hill streets, next to Hewitt, \$2,500. A Gassell to B. C. Caswell—South half of lot 1, block 18, Ord's survey, city \$2,500. A Gassell to M. A. de Contreras—Lot 31x165 feet on the south corner of High and Bull streets, city \$1,500.

If Seymour A. Gassell, 16 acres in fractional lots, in block B, Hancock's Survey of city donation lots, \$2,200.

Exports.

Following is a list of exports received at the depot, awaiting shipment:

150 sacks corn, 200 boxes oranges.

Proposed Amendments to the Postal Laws.

The bill reported by Representative Tyner, in the House, amendatory of the postal laws provides that no newspapers and other periodicals not exceeding four ounces in weight, sent from a known office of publication to regular and bona fide subscribers, postage shall be charged at the following rates per quarter pound, namely: On publications issued less frequently than once a week, two cents; issued once a week, three cents; issued twice a week, six cents; three times a week, nine cents; six times a week, eighteen cents; and daily, twenty-one cents. And an additional rate shall be charged for each additional four ounces weight, provided that one copy of weekly newspapers may be sent to each subscriber thereof in the country where they are printed and published free of postage, and publishers of newspapers and periodicals may mutually exchange their publications, not exceeding one copy in each exchange, free of postage. All miscellaneous matter of the third class, including books, pamphlets, patterns, samples of ores, metals, minerals and merchandise, sample cards, photographic paper, letter envelopes, postal envelopes and wrappers, cards printed or unprinted, and on all matter not chargeable with letter rates, or by the law excluded from the mails, the postage shall be one cent for each two ounces or fractional part of two ounces, and that the maximum weight of all such packages shall not exceed four ounces. It shall be lawful for any person to write in any book, pamphlet, periodical, magazine or other matter of the third class a brief form of presentation, or write his or name on the wrapper thereof, or the number and name of the articles enclosed, without additional postage.

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Late Telegrams.

WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11. Secretary Fish denies that sharply worded notes have been exchanged between the Governments of the United States and Germany.

Hagar introduced in the Senate a Resolution from the California Legislature, asking appropriations for turning the San Diego river into its old channel.

The annual assay of reserved coins in the mints at Philadelphia, San Francisco and Carson commenced at the former place yesterday.

The National Grange at St. Louis, yesterday, adopted a long list of resolutions setting forth the objects of the Order. They declare it is in no sense a party organization, and that political and religious matters ought not to be discussed in it. They appeal to all classes to sustain their efforts for reform.

EASTERN.

ALBANY, N. Y. Feb. 12. Owing to the presence of Wm. M. Tweed and Thos. C. Field on the Commission to represent New York at the Centennial Celebration to be held in Philadelphia, the Assembly to-day abolished the whole Commission.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 12. A fire at Marietta, Ohio, last night, destroyed the factory of the Marietta Chair Company. Loss estimated at \$45,000; insured for \$15,000. The destruction of this factory throws two or three hundred men out of employment.

NEW YORK, Feb. 12. The members of the Stock Exchange have opened a subscription list for the establishment of free soup houses in the lower part of the city.

James Gordon Bennett has given \$30,000 to supply soup to the poor from fire and police stations.

Pacific Coast Telegrams.

SAN FRANCISCO.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 12. In the bribery investigation yesterday Thomas Hughes denied that he ever offered Northrup \$5,000 to drop Farley and vote for Booth.

Escandon swore that Jimenez, of San Buenaventura, told him the Southern people wanted Booth elected, and if he would vote for Booth he would take witness to a man who would pay him \$5,000 to \$10,000. Escandon refused. Witness did not believe Booth knew anything about the affair.

Vice-President Hatch says he has no official information about a subsidy by Japan to the Pacific Mail Company.

VICTORIA, Feb. 12. Monday afternoon citizens numbering nearly one thousand marched to the Parliament building. There was no disturbance.

Dr. Helmcken presented a petition, passed at a meeting on Saturday, the quittance of which is that this meeting deems it inadvisable to enter into any negotiations for capitalizing dry dock guarantees, to borrow any money from the Dominion Government, until the scheme of McKenzie's ministry for relaxation of terms of the Union shall be made known; and further, it is distinctly opposed to the provincial government interfering in any manner with the terms, or agreeing to any new terms offered by McKenzie's government, until the same shall have been submitted to the people for adoption. An application by the Ministry for a gunboat to be stationed off Government buildings was refused by the Commander of the Fleet. A resolution was also sent to city members, who support the Government, calling on them to resign. The same afternoon Decomos resigned and has since left the city. He is said to stand for an outside district for Commons. To-day Walkem, Attorney General of Decomos' Ministry, was called by the Government to form a government. It is understood he makes no changes in personal of the Cabinet.

Hearl Roeborff is living in what is described as the healthy and picturesque valley of Numbro, on the peninsula of Ducos. He keeps apart from other convicts and desires to remain quiet and unnoticed.

M. Jules Janin, the famous Parisian theatrical critic, has had a modest fortune come to him from his father-in-law, who died recently. Unfortunately his lack of health will not permit him to enjoy it.

J. L. WARD & CO.

MANUFACTURERS' AGENTS, REPRESENTING—Baker & Hamilton's AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS AND HARDWARE!

STAR MOLINE PLOW, BAXTER UPRIGHT ENGINES, AMES PORTABLE ENGINES, THE CELEBRATED RAIN WAGON.

See Illustrated Catalogues, with prices, can be had by application at our office. feb-13

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CHRIS. HENNE, PROPRIETOR THE PUREST, PUREST AND MOST BRILLIANT LAGER BEER South of San Francisco.

Orders for DRAUGHT or BOTTLED BEER promptly attended to. The celebrated Beer from this Brewery is in competition in the State. feb-13

Local Markets.

PROVISIONS.		
Flour, Extra, 50 lbs., \$7.50	Beans, 5 cwt., 2.50	
Superior, 6.75	Nails, 3 keg, 5.00	
Bacon, 10 lbs., 11	Ass'd Jellies, 5.00	
Lard, 10 lbs., 10	Peaches, 7	
Sugar, crushed, 14 1/2	Grapes, 8	
Island No. 1, 12 1/2	Potatoes, 1.00	
Coffee, 20 lbs., 2.00	Sweet Potatoes, 2.00	
Corn, 50 lbs., 1.20	Salt, common, 1.50	
Barley, 10 lbs., 1.25	Liver, 2.00	
Wheat, 10 lbs., 1.20	Candles, 5 lbs., 1.00	
Butter, 10 lbs., 1.20	Candles, 10 lbs., 1.00	
Cheese, 10 lbs., 1.20	Brooms, 1 doz., \$1.75	
Swiss Cheese, 25 lbs., 1.20	Liquors, 5 cases, \$10.00	
Codfish, 10 lbs., 1.20	Cigars, 1000, 25¢	
Salmon, 10 lbs., 1.20	Imported do., \$12.50	
Mackerel, 10 lbs., 1.20	Min. 1000, 25¢	
Tea, 10 lbs., 1.20	Green, 1000, 25¢	
Tar, 10 lbs., 1.20	Min. 1000, 25¢	
Solace, 10 lbs., 1.20	Powder, 1000, 25¢	

Pacific M. S. S. Company.

NOTICE TO SHIPPERS OF STOCK! And other freights.

The Side-wheel Steamer **California** 874 Tons Register, Will be dispatched From San Pedro for San Francisco.

Monday, February 16, The "California" has ample accommodations For 1,000 Sheep. Apply to H. McLELLAN, Agt.

For Sale Cheap. SECOND-HAND PIANO—NEARLY NEW. Address W. F. McDONALD, Los Nietos, Cal.

MUSIC.

LESSONS on the Piano, Guitar and Organ. \$4.00 Per Month. 39 SPRING STREET.

J. B. SAUNDERS & CO., DRUGGISTS AND CHEMISTS, 72 Main Street, LOS ANGELES.

The CHOICEST TOILET ARTICLES, the PERFECT DRESSING AND SHAVE MEDICINES of all kinds. For Prescriptions carefully compounded day and night. feb-13

For Sale.

EXTRA Clean Sonora Seed Wheat, No. 1 seed. Bald Barley, in quantities to suit. J. L. WARD & CO.

GREAT PRIZES! GREAT BARGAINS!

—AT— A. S. McDONALD'S BOOT & SHOE ESTABLISHMENT.

Custom Work Reduced \$2 On a Pair.

Boots made to order from \$10.00 to \$15.00. The finest quality of French Calf used.

CALENDAR OF PRICES: Tongue Boots, French Morocco, 54 1/2 to 56 1/2. Fine French Calf Boots, single sole, 12 1/2 to 13 1/2. Fine Calf Boots, pegged, single sole, 11 1/2 to 12 1/2. Fine Calf Boots, sewed, 11 1/2 to 12 1/2. Gaiters, finest style, 10 1/2 to 11 1/2.

Besides this, you can find the best assorted stock of all kinds of goods.

SAN FRANCISCO & EASTERN GOODS

IN THE MARKET. Ladies', Misses' and Children's Shoes Made to Order. 104 Main Street, opposite the Court House. feb-13 A. S. McDONALD.

ELECTION NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given to the qualified electors of Los Angeles County, California, that an election will be held on February 21st, 1874.

At which will be submitted the question of voting a tax to finish paying for the School House and balance due for teaching. It will be necessary to raise for this purpose the sum of two hundred and forty dollars. A School Assessor will also be elected. The polls will be open at the public School House between the hours of 9 and 10 A. M.

Trustees (T. H. MILLIKEN, J. H. BENTLEY, W. W. ORR. feb-13

PHILADELPHIA BREWERY.

WE ARE NOW READY TO SUPPLY the public with the very best kind of LAGER BEER! Orders left at CASWELL & ELLIS, or the BREWERY, will be promptly attended to. feb-13

GAMBRINUS BREWERY,

Cor. Second and Spring Streets, LOS ANGELES. Fine Lager Beer for sale IN QUANTITIES TO SUIT. JON. LEIBER, Proprietor.

J. L. WARD & CO. PRODUCE COMMISSION MERCHANTS, 43 MAIN STREET.

Grain, Wool and Hides. Sole Agents for Southern California for Fox's Superior Starch. Swan Brewery Ale and Porter. Representing GOODALL NELSON & PERKINS' LINE OF STEAMERS, Baker & Hamilton's Agricultural Machines, Bain Wagon, London Assurance Corporation and UNION Insurance Co. of San Francisco. Consignments of Country Produce SOLICITED. feb-13

LUNCH!

DAY AND NIGHT.

CLARENDON.

—AT THE—

GENTLEMEN'S Billiard Parlor,

CLARENDON.

Special Notices.

"Right Dress!" I. Hauch, Merchant Tailor, No. 6 Commercial street, receives the latest styles of goods by every steamer, and makes up clothing fashionably, and of the best workmanship. Give him your orders and he will give you "fits" in style.

A Card.

We respect fully inform all ladies and gentlemen who contemplate attending our Masquerade Ball, which takes place on the 28th inst., that we have contracted for some 250 costumes, being a lot recently brought from the East, and are new. Parties wishing first choice of costumes can have the same entered for such by applying at the store of H. Fleischman, 8. Meyer and L. Lehman. feb-13

Parties wishing genuine Pebble Spectacles that aid and preserve the eyesight will do well to purchase their Spectacles at Fisher & Co's, No. 67 Main street, who scientifically and perfectly fit all kinds of eyes no matter how difficult the case may be. Mr. Fisher, having made this line of business a study, and having had a practical experience of 12 years, and with a complete set of Instruments and the most extensive stock of Spherical and Bifocal Lenses put up to suit the purchaser, in Black Patent Irides, Gold, Silver, Steel, Rubber or Shell Frames, at reasonable prices. These goods are not sold to Peddlers, or at either wholesale or retail; only to respectable parties who are appointed as Agents and furnished with all necessary facilities for testing eyes and fitting them with the best quality of lenses only. A perfect fit guaranteed at Fisher & Co's, sole Agents for Southern California. feb-13

Fisher & Co. have a very fine stock of Gold Spectacles. What is a nicer and more appropriate Holiday Present for an aged person.

Another fine lot of Jewels, Watches, Diamond, and Clocks, just received at Fisher & Co's.

A New B. news. Thanking the people of Los Angeles county for their liberal patronage during the past, we, in order to meet the increasing demand for finer goods, will, while making Dollar Goods a specialty, keep a good assortment of higher priced goods. We have a fine lot of Mouldings and a first-class artist, who will along your pictures and get them framed cheaper than at any other place south of San Francisco. All work warranted to give satisfaction. Dollar Store, Dunsmuir Bros., 102 Main street.

OF Special Interest to Farmers. At the Esperanza Store, No. 108 Main street, will be found the largest and choicest stock of Merchandise, Groceries, Liquors, Cigars, etc., in Southern California. It is well known that at this store you can buy all goods in their time at from five to ten per cent. cheaper than at any other store in Los Angeles; also that the highest price is paid for all kinds of country produce. All goods delivered to any part of the city free of charge.

Look at This! The only place in the city to get choice Engravings, Chromos, Oil Paintings, etc., is at M. V. Ponet's, 69 Main street, where you can buy them cheap for cash, or pay in weekly installments of from 25 cents to \$1, according to the amount purchased.

As the tide of immigration is steadily setting in, and the first thing eastern people do is to throw away their New York Hats and buy a new one of DESSON'S. They say there is no comparison between the two. feb-13

As Every style of Painting and Glazing done in the highest style of art, and at reasonable rates, by C. Ral Hael & Co.

WANTS—LOST—FOUND. [Wants published at the rate of 9¢ cents per line for each insertion, or 10¢ cents per line for three insertions. No advertisement under this head taken for less than 25 cents.]

TO LET, OR FOR SALE—VERY Cheap—A good house and six acres of land, a short mile from the Court-house. Enquire of Hon. A. THOMAS, 105 Temple Block. Rent of house alone \$10 per month. feb-13

JUST RECEIVED—A Large assortment of all kinds of Garden Seeds, as well Flower Seeds of every variety, at low prices. J. B. BENTLEY, 105 Temple Block, cor. Spring and East streets.

WANTED—A young man to learn the Candy business. A. L. ROSS, 110 1/2 Candy Factory, Spring street.

TO LET—A Nicely Furnished House in a pleasant locality, a few minutes walk of the Court House, suitable for a millinery or dress making shop. The house is to let, and the furniture to be sold. For particulars apply to Miss Lannon, next door to Wilson's Backsack Shop, Main street. feb-13

WANTED—A PARTNER in the business of putting up jams, jellies and preserved fruits. I am well acquainted with the business, and competent to supervise all the operations of such an establishment. Any one with a moderate capital desirous of engaging in a paying business would do well to call on or address AL HERALD OFFICE.

LAND FOR SALE—Located about three miles south of the Court-house, and on San Pedro street, half a mile from the city limits. A splendid place with 1000 trees growing trees and 200 choice vines, 5000 pepper trees 2 years old, a comfortable farm-house, a stable, well of excellent water, and is well supplied with water from San Joaquin. The above property will be sold at a bargain. Price, \$5,000, title good. Also, superior improved land for sale. For particulars apply to J. Q. A. STANLEY, on the premises, or at the HERALD Office. feb-13

FOR SALE—Two fine building lots, very cheap; also a fine milk cow. Enquire on the premises, corner of Second and Hill streets. feb-13

FOR SALE—House and Lot for \$300. House 12x14, below the Mill on old Aliso street. Apply at Brown's Restaurant, corner Requena and Los Angeles streets. feb-13

FOR SALE—8,876 Acres of Land, Good location for a Ranch, perfect title, and of which 92 acres are irrigated, 400 are bottom lands, and all grazing land. There is also plenty of wood of nearly every description. Inquire of J. R. RAMIREZ, Aliso street. feb-13

Raisin Making in California.

Experiments have been carried far enough now to show that all the raisins needed for consumption in the United States can be made in California. They need not be an inferior article but equal to the very best imported. It does not even require artificial heat nor costly machinery, although grapes can be converted more rapidly by an artificial process. The manufacture of raisins is about as simple as that of making dried apples. The process is perfect enough when the grapes are laid on the dry, warm ground. All the vines now in bearing, which do not produce grapes for raisins, can be changed rapidly by root grafting. Even the common Mission grape makes a good raisin, much better than the second quality of those known to commerce.

Of course raisin making requires considerable manipulation. It is a business requiring attention to many small details. The bunches of grapes must be cut off at the right time, spread out to dry, carefully watched, turned over, sorted, packed, and finally put up in the most attractive way. But, after all, there is not more attention to details than is required in the conduct of a successful dairy. California would be to-day some millions better off if it supplied the raisin market of the United States. There cannot be much of a speculation about the business. Only so many grapes can be produced on an acre, and if they are of the best sort, the amount of raisins which can be made will be known in advance. It is doubtful if up to this time the vine-growers of this state have realized their expectations of profit from their vineyards. Grapes have brought low prices. Wine cannot be made profitably except by experts. Many vineyards are remote from market. But if there be added this new resource it will make little difference as to the remoteness of the vineyard. The whole country becomes a market. The fruit-growers have already found a way out of their difficulties by a better process of drying fruit. The grape-growers will yet find an important outlet in the same direction. [Bulletin.]

The San Joaquin Valley Argus of February 7th relates the following incident:

A family living not more than one thousand miles from the classic regions of "Hungry Bend," in this county, were most cruelly alarmed by a midnight visitor a short time since. The residence of the family is on a low plain bordering the river, and a considerable distance from any other habitation. Early in the evening, a bachelor neighbor had called upon the family, and the night being dark and stormy, accepted an invitation to remain all night. Some hours after the family had retired to rest, a noise, as of a man walking, was heard in the kitchen by the lady of the house. After listening for some time to the tramping, which sounded to her like the tramp of a heavy man with hobnail boots on, she awoke her husband cautiously, and informed him of the intrusion. The husband got up, and picking his way as well as he could through the dark rooms between the bedroom and kitchen, soon entered the latter, though not without visions of Vasquez and his robber band fitting before his eyes in the impenetrable darkness, during which time all was still and silent as death. Having reached and cautiously opened the kitchen door, he was proceeding to enter, when a movement as of a man advancing to strike caused him to spring backward, in which movement he fell over a chair, and in his gyrations got tangled in the tablecloth, upsetting table and crockery upon himself in his fall. The crash of the falling man, crockery, etc., aroused all, including the visitor, all rushing to the scene of the catastrophe, and, enshrouded in the latter being armed with a heavy revolver. While standing in a group, all eagerly asking in tones of alarm and terror about the cause of the alarm, a little girl lighted a match, when the mystery was explained at a glance. In the kitchen stood "Old Fido," a favorite cow, chewing her cud. "Jim," the bachelor friend, made quick time to his bedroom. When the family awoke next morning Jim was missing, and has not been seen in that "neck" of woods since.

"Stamping out" is the new and significant process for the arrest of many diseases, and in none can it be more effectually employed than scarlet fever. This should of course include isolation. All cases should be promptly reported to the health authorities, under heavy penalties for neglect, and all occurring among persons unable to afford seclusion, should be taken care of at public expense in appropriate hospitals, at safe distance from populous neighborhoods. And the rich should be compelled to provide seclusion in isolated rooms for cases occurring among them, or else relinquish the care of them to the health authorities, and be subject to the necessary costs. All clothes used by the patients should be disinfected or destroyed. Water-closets, cess-pools, and drains attached to hospitals and dwellings of the sick, should be thoroughly disinfected. Dr. John Morris, The Sanitarian for February.

At Monday's meeting of the National Grange in St. Louis, as we learn by telegraph, the report of the Committee on Ritual was postponed until the next session. The resolution to have a bulletin of the Grange printed and sent to the officers of all State and subordinate Granges, was referred to the Executive Committee. A resolution to remove the headquarters of the National Grange to St. Louis was referred to a special committee of five, to report at the next session of the National Grange. Hamilton, of California, is on the committee. Hamilton submitted a report on the condition of the order in California, which was not furnished for publication.

The projector of a new paper having declared that he will "condemn the wrong and applaud the right," a contemporary says the task will keep him about as busy as a school-boy with a hornet in his trousers.

An editor says he has given \$20,000 for a race horse to catch delinquent subscribers with. Another, having heard that drowning men remember every event of their lives, advises his subscribers to bathe in deep water.

"A horse! a horse! my kingdom for a horse!" cried a celebrated tragedian. "Wouldn't a jackass do as well?" said an affected young man, rising in his seat. "Yes," triumphantly exclaimed the actor, "just step up this way, sir." The young man sat down.

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